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SUBJECT: FAREWELL AUDIENCE WITH SULTAN

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO PRESSING SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS FOR
AMBASSADOR TO RAISE DURING FAREWELL AUDIENCE. YOU MAY
AT YOUR DISCRETION DRAW ON FOLLOWING POINTS.

A. AS PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE HAVE REPEATEDLY
NOTED, USG IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUE SEARCH FOR JUST AND
DURABLE PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. IN THIS RESPECT, WE HAVE
VALUED MODERATION AND COUNSEL OF SULTAN IN AREAS OF
MUTUAL CONCERN RELATING TO ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE.

B. FROM PERSPECTIVE OF YOUR FOUR YEARS IN OMAN AND
EARLIER SERVICE IN GULF, YOU ARE IMPRESSED BY PROGRESS
GULF STATES HAVE MADE IN COOPERATING TO ENHANCE SECURITY
AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION.

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C. YOUR TENURE IN OMAN HAS WITNESSED IMPRESSIVE PROGRESS
IN DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY. CONCLUSION OF
DHOFAR HOSTILITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRENT FIVE-YEAR

PLAN HAVE PROVIDED EVIDENCE OF SULTAN'S LEADERSHIP AND
VISION.

D. SHOULD SULTAN REFER TO EVENTS IN HORN OF AFRICA AND
THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO PENINSULA STABILITY, YOU MAY WISH
TO BRIEF HIM ALONG LINES OF REF B. YOU MAY ADD THAT
U.S. REMAINS ALERT TO SOVIET ROLE IN AREA, AND WELCOMES
ONGOING CONSULTATIONS WITH AREA GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING
OMAN. VANCE

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